

## Winter Program 2017 for Kids, Adults and Families

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL for all activities.



### Just for Adults

Our 'Just for Adults' program includes a range of guided walks and outdoor events, designed to offer rewarding and relaxing social recreation. Information is designed for mature audiences.

### Botanical Foray

Mon 10 Jul, 1.30–3 pm

Have you ever wondered what plants are growing in your local bushland? Join Bushcare and Bush Adventures for a guided stroll through Fern Tree, and learn a bit more about the native plants in one of our most popular parks.

**Meet:** Outside Fern Tree Tavern, corner of Huon Rd and Summerleas Rd, Fern Tree

**Cost:** \$5.50 per person

### Step into History at the Beaumaris Zoo

Sat 29 Jul, 10–11.30 am

Join Brendan Lennard, the City of Hobart's Senior Cultural Heritage Officer, to explore the fascinating history of the Beaumaris Zoo, which operated at the Queen's Domain from 1923 to 1937. It was here that the last known thylacine died in 1936. See the polar bear enclosure and step inside the leopard pen; hear stories about conservation of Tasmanian fauna, as well as the zoo's lions, tigers and elephant!

**Meet:** Beaumaris Zoo gate, Lower Domain Road, Queens Domain

**Cost:** \$5.50 per person

### Tasmanian Devils: the Science of Cancer and Conservation (Seminar)

Thu 24 Aug, 6–7.30 pm

What exactly is this devil cancer, how do they get it and what's being done about it? Wildlife biologist Stewart Huxtable introduces the science behind Devil Facial Tumour Disease, an infectious cancer threatening the survival of devils in the wild. Stewart will also outline the extraordinary conservation efforts taking place to ensure devils do not become extinct, and discusses the science underpinning these efforts.

**Meet:** Elizabeth St conference room, rear of Hobart Town Hall, opposite Franklin Square

**Cost:** Free (Bookings required)

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### For the Whole Family

Our 'For the Whole Family' program is designed to provide opportunities for your family to do something special together in Hobart's bushland.

#### Where Our Wild Things Are

Sat 15 Jul, 5–6.30 pm

At night a whole other world of creatures come out to play in our bushland! We will go for a night walk to see where our wild things are and you will get some handy hints for spotting creatures of the night when you go on your own spotlighting adventures.

**Bring:** A torch and warm clothes

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, just inside the gate on Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway (please park outside the gate)

**Cost:** \$8 per person (includes supper)

#### Introduction to Wildlife Rescue

Mon 17 Jul, 2.30–4.30 pm

What should you do if you encounter an injured or orphaned wild animal? What can you do to prevent wildlife becoming injured or orphaned? Join Greg Irons from Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary for a family friendly introduction to wildlife rescue and learn how to respond to Tasmania's common animal emergency situations.

**Meet:** Elizabeth St conference room, rear of Hobart Town Hall, opposite Franklin Square

**Cost:** Free (bookings required). Tea, coffee and light snack included

#### Dasyurids in the Dark

Fri 21 Jul, 5–6.30 pm

Dasyurids are a fascinating family of native marsupial predators, including quolls and Tasmanian devils, and they are living right under our noses in Wellington Park. Bush Adventures is teaming up with devil expert Tony Conlan to provide a nocturnal experience in Hobart's bush land to learn about dasyurids in the dark.

**Bring:** A torch, warm clothes and sturdy shoes

**Meet:** Car park at the end of Old Farm Road, South Hobart

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Note:** This activity requires quiet behaviour in the bush at night and viewing an animal carcass to look for evidence of devil and quoll activity. We do not recommend this activity for very young children or those sensitive to seeing wildlife carcasses.

### FREE National Tree Day Community Planting

Sun 30 Jul, 10 am – 1 pm

The City of Hobart is working with the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens to restore Hobart's rare coastal woodland and protect Aboriginal heritage along the Derwent Foreshore. Meet: Part way along the inter city cycle way between the Tasman Bridge and Cenotaph, opposite the Lower Domain Road turn off, Queens Domain. Look for the flag.

**Cost:** Free (bookings not required)

**Note:** For more details please visit: <http://treeday.planetark.org/site/10014539>

### FREE Festival of Bright Ideas

Sat 12 Aug, 9 am – 4 pm

Bush Adventures will be showcasing the biology and ecology of Hobart's flora and fauna at the Festival of Bright Ideas. This family friendly festival will inspire, delight and engage audiences with a diverse program of hands-on activities, science entertainment and celebrity speakers. Join in the wonder of scientific discovery and nurture your natural curiosity!

**Meet:** Princes Wharf 1, Castray Esplanade, Hobart

**Cost:** Free (bookings not required)

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### Bush Kids

Our 'Bush Kids' program is designed for specific age groups and includes a variety of exciting nature-based activities for kids attending with a parent or guardian.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult**

### 2-5 YEARS

#### Flora the Explorer's Silver Falls

Wed 12 Jul, 10-11.30 am

Discover the rainforest secrets with Flora! We will follow the Pipeline track for a bush walk to Silver falls, and then finish off by making an artwork to take home.

**Bring:** A snack

**Meet:** Fern Tree Park, corner of Huon Rd and Summerleas Rd, Fern Tree (near Fern Tree Tavern)

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### Penguin Party

Sat 15 Jul, 10-11.30 am

Come and learn about penguins at a penguin party! We will play penguin games, read a penguin story, and make a penguin craft to bring home.

**Bring:** A snack

**Meet:** Meet: Long Beach, end of Beach Rd (near Beach House café), Sandy Bay

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

### 5-7 YEARS

#### Leaf Fairies of Fern Tree

Wed 12 Jul, 12.30-2 pm

If you go down to the bush today, you're sure of a big surprise. If you go down to the bush today, you better go in disguise! For every fairy that ever there was, will gather at Fern Tree Park, because, today is the day leaf fairies have their picnic.

**Meet:** Fern Tree Park, corner of Huon Rd and Summerleas Rd, Fern Tree (near Fern Tree Tavern)

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### Seals and Penguins

Sat 15 Jul, 12.30-2 pm

We're at home in the ocean, and we're at home on the land. We're sliding through the waves, and sun baking on the sand. We are seals and penguins, come and visit on our beach; to learn about our home and lives and hear what we will teach.

**Meet:** Long Beach, end of Beach Rd (near Beach House café), Sandy Bay

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### Nestorama

Thur 20 Jul, 1.30-3 pm

Birds are nesting, eggs are hatching! Come and play 'spotto' with our winged wonders and see how many birds you can find in our bush. We'll also find out some of the tricks of the nest-building trade and make our own nests!

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 2, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### Jumping Joeys

Fri 21 Jul, 1.30-3 pm

What do you call a baby kangaroo, wombat, and bandicoot? They're all called Joeys! Hop into this native mammal activity and learn all about our baby marsupials and their early life inside a pouch.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child



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### 7-10 YEARS

#### Bush Drama

Mon 17 Jul, 10–11.30 am

Join us for a morning of drama and improv in the bush! Ignite your imagination and stretch your creativity with our suite of bush drama games.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### The AMAZING Race

Tues 18 Jul, 10–11.30 am

Wear your best running shoes and tie your laces in double knots. The AMAZING race of Waterworks will sort the clever kookaburras from the rest. Race around Waterworks Reserve, competing in bush-themed challenges and collecting the tokens from each event. Only one team can win!

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

#### Whale of a Time

Tues 18 Jul, 1.30–3 pm

Which whales visit the Derwent Estuary? Would they eat me? What should I do if I find a beached whale? We will have a whale of a time playing games and then finish off by crafting a life-sized whale sand sculpture.

**Meet:** Nutgrove Beach carpark, end of Long Point Rd (near Sandy Bay Sailing Club), Sandy Bay

**Cost:** \$5.50 per child

### Go Wild, Go Solo

Our 'Go Wild, Go Solo' program is for kids who are keen to get out on their own for some bush challenges.

**Parent/guardian attendance is not required but consent forms must be completed.**

### 10-14 YEARS

#### Night Orienteering

Thur 20 Jul, 4–7 pm

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at orienteering? Bush Adventures is teaming up with Orienteering Tasmania to provide an introductory orienteering adventure for young people. Learn to navigate the bush with a compass and map, and how to plan your own route, before undertaking our nocturnal orienteering challenge!

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 2, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$8 per child, including sausage sizzle

**Note:** Pickup at 7pm will be just inside the gate on Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway (please park outside the gate)

## National Science Week

Bush Adventures is celebrating National Science Week with a new range of special programs.

### 3-6 YEARS

#### Seashell Science

Sat 19 Aug, 1.30–3 pm

Join Bush Adventures for a special young children's sea life discovery program. Engage your curiosity with who's, what's and whys of the animals that you can find the beach, delivered at a level appropriate for young children.

**Meet:** Long Beach, end of Beach Rd (near Beach House café), Sandy Bay

**Cost:** \$8 per child, light snack included

### 7-12 YEARS

#### Zoology after Dark

Fri 18 Aug, 5.30–7.30 pm

When the sun goes down, the bush comes to life. Learn about Tasmania's fascinating native animals at dusk, when they are most active. Learn some of the skills and techniques that scientists use to study these creatures of the night.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, just inside the gate on Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway (please park outside the gate)

**Cost:** \$8 per child, supper included

#### Marine Biologists

Sat 19 Aug, 10 am – 12.30 pm

Do you love the ocean? Would you like to know more about the way the ocean works and the animals that live in it? Join Bush Adventures and be a marine biologist for a day, learning modern techniques to identify marine animals and discover the incredible strategies they use in a life beneath the waves.

**Meet:** Long Beach, end of Beach Rd (near Beach House café), Sandy Bay

**Cost:** \$8 per child, light snack included

#### Emerging Entomologists

Sun 20 Aug, 10 am – 12.30 pm

I wear my skeleton on the outside and can have more legs than your whole family. I spread disease to millions of people each year, yet no one on Earth could survive without me. Some people run screaming when they see me, while others spend their whole lives trying to find me. More than 80% of animal species on Earth belong to a group called "Arthropods", come and uncover the mysteries of this fascinating group of animals.

**Meet:** Waterworks Reserve, Site 9, Waterworks Rd, Ridgeway

**Cost:** \$8 per child, light snack included